ed in my former Ebrew bookes quietnes for all christians: and so I would goe forwards; but yf Banecroft ioyne with Iewes, I will sone tel your L.L. of him: & yet go forward with Ebrewes, to satisfy, as hitherto the best learned in the world, & to my power, increase the honour of your Kingdome, to the glory of God, & blessing of your familie.

Your Majesties most humble
subject

Hugh Broughton.

# THE MARCHANTS AVIZO.

VERIE NECESSARIE FOR their Sonnes and Seruants, when they first send them beyond the Seas, as to *Spayne and Portingale or other Countreyes.*

*Made by their hartie Wellwiller in Christ.*
*I. B. Marchant.*

*Eccles.* 1. *Chap.* 11. *Verse.*
The feare of the Lord is glorie, and gladnes, and reioycing, and a ioyfull crowne, &c.

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# CONSTANTINI CRVX.

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*WOrſhipfull, vpon verie earneſt motion and perſwaſion of a friend vnto me, to ſet foorth in publick this matter, which I onely had made priuate for inſtruction of my ſelfe and mine. And then calling to remembrance ſome* neceſsitie *and* duetie: neceſsitie, *becauſe by mine owne experience I knowe, how greatly my ſelfe and many other my countrimen, at our firſt going into* Spayne *were troubled with difficulties, for want of ſuch a patterne as this, for eaſe of our tender* wittes. *And* duetie, *becauſe I acknowledge my ſelfe bounden, both to your Worſhip, and to all thoſe of my profeſſion, to employ my whole labours to doo you any pleaſure or profit that I might. I therefore haue emboldned my ſelfe to dedicate and offer this my poore myte vnto your Worſhips: whereby not onely your name in particular may therein*

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*be ſtill remembred, but may alſo ingenerall make manifeſt your kinde fauors, who are ſtill willing to be furtherers of any generall good. Mine owne labour or skill I confeſſe, is but very little or nothing in this thing, becauſe I my ſelfe doo but onely as a poore willing labourer, to helpe forwards that worke, the foundation and platforme whereof, is ſetled and builded alreadie. But my chiefe purpoſe herein is, onely to worke a generall eaſe to all Marchants: whereby they may the leſſe trouble themſelues, either with writing, inuention, or thought of theſe matters. And likewiſe that it might be ſome ſtay to young and weake wits: yeelding them thereby the more freedome of minde toward their other buſineſſe. Being carefull in my ſelfe ſo to order this worke, that not onelie (as I hope) it ſhall be lawfully permitted to be ſeen and read in any parts beyond the * Sea: but alſo ſhall inſtruct young nouices, to vſe greater breuitie in their writings then commonly they are wont.*

* If this booke may not bee thought tollerable beyond the Seas: then will it be yet a good exerciſe and but little labour, for euerie Prentiſe to copie it all out in writing: and ſo carie it with him for his inſtruction.

*Wherefore I commit my ſelfe and my dooings, firſt to the praiſe of God, and then to your good acceptance and fauorable patronaging thereof. Deſiring your Worſhips all, that howſoeuer you doo determine of the vnabilitie of this my labour: yet that you vouchſafe to take in good part the abilitie of my loue and good meaning in it. So I reſt, beſeeching God to giue vnto you all, eternall felicitie in Heauen, and proſperitie to your liues end here on earth. From my houſe in Briſtow the 26. day of October. 1589.*

Your Worſhips bounden in good will.

*I. B.*

# To the Reader.

WHen Marchants trade proceedes in peace.
And labours proſper well:
Then cõmon weales in wealth increaſe,
As now good* proofe can tell.

*This was ſpoken when was a long ſtay of the Marchants trade, to the great decay of many a one.

For when the Marchants trade was free,
His ventures for to make:
Then euerie art in his degree
Some gaines thereof did take.

The Marchant made the Clothier rich:
By venting of his clath:
The Clothier then ſets manie at worke,
And helpeth euerie craft.

For firſt the Spinſter hereby liue,
The Weauer and the Diet:
By clath, the Shearemen alſo thriue,
When Marchant is the buyer.

The Landlord and the Tennant ſell,
By this meanes all their wooll:
Their Biefe, their Corne, they ſell the more,
When Marchants purſe grow full.

The Grocer with the Vintner,
And Mercer profit reape:
When Spices, Silks, and Wines come ſtore,
By Marchants ventures great.

The Vitler and the Husbandman,
And handicraftes each one:
Makes gaines, when Marchãrs Ships & goods
Doo merilie come home.

The Saylers herehence gets their skill,
To rule the Stately Ship
And ſo become right worthie men,
For Sea and Land moſt fit.

Yea diuers more the Marchants trade,
Dooth ſuccour and relieue:
As Bargeman, Craneman, Porter eke,
To him that Cart dooth driue.

Let no man then grudge Marchants gaine,
Nor wiſhe him any ill:
But pray to God our Queene to ſaue,
And Marchants ſtate helpe ſtill.

I. B.

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To

# A GENERALL REMEMBRANCE FOR A SERVANT WHEN HE first trauelleth to the Sea, as to *Spaine or Portingale, or other Countreys.*

*Emanuel.*

A Generall remembrance for you my seruant *I. P.* that forasmuch as now it is my goodwil and determination, to imploye you (by the grace of God) in trauaile beyond the Seas: I doo thinke it therefore conuenient, to recommend vnto your carefull obseruation, these fewe exhortations and instructions folowing. First, and principallie I doo earnestlie exhort you, to haue a most especiall care and regarde to the performance of your daylie duetie of prayer and thankesgiuing to God: not omitting presentlie vpon your safe ariuall at your Porte, to



James Howell his Book and Pen, Mr.

render vnto God moſt hartie and * humble thankes for his gracious protection of you, by ſaying as in token of your thankefulnes, ſome godlie prayer of thankeſgiuing, or ſay onelie (with reuerence vpon your knees) the *Lordes Prayer*, giuing him withall thankes in ſome words of your owne ſpirit.

*For to feare God and to bee thankefull vnto him, is the beginning of all happines & proſperitie in our affaires.

Secondlie, doo you remember, that preſentlie vpon your ariuall at your Port: to make diligent inquirie whether any ſhips be bound either to this Port of Briſtowe, or to any part of England. And then haue eſpeciall care, that by the neareſt that commeth to this Port, you write letters vnto mee, and to them that you haue to deale for, of the arriuall of your ſhip: according to this plaine and briefe forme of inditing, as I will hereafter ſhew you. And ſo write likewiſe by your firſt letters, of the ſtate of your buſineſſe, and of the newes of the countrey, according as that time paſſeth. And when you haue learned of anie ſhip that commeth for England, doo not your ſelfe make it *knowne to anie bodie at all: but write and deliuer your letters ſecretlie, for it ſhall ſounde much to your eſpeciall credit and good liking, when your diligence ſhall bee ſo ſeene, that your letters ſhall ſhew the firſt arriuall of your Ship: becauſe it is the thing that euerie Marchant doth eſpecially long after to vnderſtand.

*This I ſay: to procure the more care and diligence in a youth.

Thirdlie, deale cloſelie and ſecretlie in all your

your affaires and busines, and before you enterprise any thing, do you after curteous & gentle manner aske counsel, either of some Marchant in the Ship, or your Hoste, or of some Englishman: how you are to deale about your wares, both touching the landing its the customing its the selling it: the receiuing of your moneyes: the buying of any wares againe: the customing the same againe: and to haue out all your writs and dispatches for euery such thing, as is needfull to be had. And hauing been thus once instructed, doo you with carefulnes remember it of your selfe against another time. Also be earnest in noting and marking euery thing that you may, but be your selfe as secret and silent as is possible.

Fourthlie, in any case shew your selfe lowly, curteous, and seruiceable vnto euerie person: for though you and many of vs else may think, that too much lowlinesse bringeth contempt and disgrace vnto vs: yet assuredly (it is well knowne by experience) that there springeth of no one vertue so great fruite vnto vs, as of gentlenesse and humilitie: for it will both appease the anger and ill will of our enemies, and increase the good will of our friends. Also in no wise bee not seduced by any person, to play at any kinde of game, especialie dice or cardes, nor to vse feasting or banketing, or keeping companie with women, nor to goe fine

and coſtlie in apparell: for all theſe things are eſpeciallie noted, and doo bring any young beginner to vtter diſcredit and vndooing.

Fiſtly, carie this for an eſpeciall note, that whenſoeuer you haue dealings for anie Marchants: you doo in euery point obſerue according to their commiſsion and direction. For although I know, it wil ſometimes ſeem to your ſelfe, that you ſhal better pleaſe your Marchant, not to buie thoſe wares which he appointeth, becauſe of the deareneſſe of them: yet (I ſay) you ſhall giue euermore beſt contentment to your Marchant, and ſaue your ſelfe harmeleſſe, when you followe his owne order and remembrance. And take this alſo for a caueat, that you neuer thinke the ſame ware which is beſt cheape, and is moſt bought vp, that it will be beſt to beſtow your money thereon: for ordinarilie it falleth out, that the quantitie of the beſt cheape wares that is brought home, hath ſmaller vtterance and leſſe profit, than ſuch deare wares as there commeth but verie little quantitie of. Alſo bee carefull in ſetting vp ſafely your money when you haue receaued it: and likewiſe bee warie when you receiue your moneys for your wares, crauing the paines of ſome Marchant your friend, as to helpe you the firſt time to receiue it for you, vntill you haue more knowledge to receaue it your ſelfe.

Moreouer

Moreouer be you in any wiſe circumſpect touching your behauiour when you be in the Countrey of Spaine or elſe where: and ſhewe your ſelfe lowly and courteous to all people, and learne what be their Lawes and cuſtomes, and bee carefull to keepe them. If anie of the rude and common ſort of people (as ſo it is in all Countries) will by chance offer you anie abuſe or wrong, appeaſe them againe rather by ſufferance and gentleneſſe, than by reuenge: for ſo ſhall you beſt quiet your ſelfe, and ouercome your enemie. In the ſales of your wares, doo you, before you ſet price of it to any man, make inquirie how other Engliſh men haue ſolde the like commodities, and ſo doo you accordinglie ſet price of yours. And lightlie doo not refuſe the ſecond or third chapmans offer: for moſt ordinarily it falleth out, that the firſt and fourth offer is neuer ſo good as the third offer: but in this you are to haue a good inſight your ſelfe, and to doo according as is your haſt and neceſsitie for your ſales.

Be moſt faithful & iuſt in all your accompts with euery man, & defraud no man willinglie not the value of a farthing. See that at no time you doo take any mans doings or dealings into your hands, without my leaue and counſell: becauſe by the trouble of other mens buſineſſe, you may neglect & fruſtrate mine owne. And haue alſo regarde, for thoſe ſmall aduentures

which I ſhall licence you to make for your owne priuate benefit: that euerie voyage you do deliuer me an accompt of it, whereby from time to time I may ſee and knowe your eſtate, and what of right dooth appertaine vnto you. Be circumſpect and nigh in all your expences; making your reckoning, that what you now ſpare and ſaue vnto me, it may grow the more to your owne benefit in time to come.

Laſtlie (as I ſaid vnto you in the beginning) let this bee your firſt and chiefeſt poynt in all your actions: that eſpeciallie you omit not your duetifull ſeruice towards almightie God, but euery morning and night, to pray that God will ſtill proſper and protect you, and to giue him humble thankes that hee hetherto hath alwaies mercifullie defended you. And this doo you performe, by ſaying ſilentlie, reuerentlie, and attentiuelie, ſuch praiers as you haue learned by heart: or if your memorie cannot well remember anie other prayers, ſay onelie to the praiſe of the bleſſed Trinitie, the * *Lords Praier* and the * *Creed*, vſing euermore withall theſe three poynts of meditation. Firſt, to meditate your ſinnes, and aske God hartelie mercy, and ſtedfaſtly purpoſe amendment. Secondlie, meditate Gods benefits, and humblie thanke him. Thirdly, meditate your neceſsities: and craue his holy helpe for them. The which you may then conclude the effect of theſe meditations, by

* *This order of prayer I haue thought might bee good and godly: both because of the country beyond the Seas, and because of Marchants lets and hinderance to continue in long prayer.*

by saying lastly againe the Lords praier. And this dutifull exercise of praier, I do require you neuer once to pretermit both at morning & at night, how hastie and vrgent soeuer bee your businesse. For how great equitie and reason is it, that wee should spend at the least one halfe houre or little moment of the day in thankes, seruice, and mindefulnes of God: who is both carefull and mindefull to serue and succour vs, euen all the whole day and all our life long. Also neuer sit downe, or rise vp from meate, but bee mindefull of God: and in expressing your thankesgiuing, say some godly grace or other: or onely say (rather then faile) no more then, *In the name of the Father, of the Sonne, and of the Holy Ghost*, and let those words shew your thankefulnes to God. Finally, in all your actions, vse *diligence*, *conscience*, *silence* and *patience*. Thus making no doubte, but if you bee mindefull of your duetie and seruice to God, all things shal goe wel and haue happie successe that you take in hand. But the contrarie dooing: your labours will not prosper, nor any thing that you doo, will euer come to good passe or perfection. The holy Ghost bee euermore your Protector.

Your master to doo you anie
good that you shall deserue.
T. A

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## Here followeth a briefe forme *of all such letters as you shall neede to* write throughout your whole voyage. The which forme is effectual and sufficient inough, and may still be obserued, vntill by experience you may learne to indite better your selfe.

*A letter written to your Master, if your ship be forced by weather into any place, before you come to your Port of discharge.*

*Emanuel.*

1. AFTER my ductie remembred, I pray for your good health and prosperity, &c. These are certifying you, that by meanes of ill weather and contratie winds, we were within 6. dayes after our departure from Kingrode, forced into Milford: where here we abide according to Gods pleasure, hoping that he will shortly better prouide for vs. Little newes I heare worth the writing: onely I vnderstand that there is [*Heere write your newes, if you haue anie.*] Thus taking my leaue with my ductie also remembred to my good Mistresse, &c. I heartilie desire of GOD to protect and prosper

prosper you and all yours. From Milford the 4. day of October 1589.

Your faithfull and obedient seruant
P. A.

*A Letter to bee written to your Master presentlie vpon your arriuall at your Port.*

*Emanuel.*

2. AFter my duetie remembred, I pray for your good health and prosperitie, &c. These are certifying you, that on the 24. day of October, within 16. daies after our departure frō Kingrode, wee arriued here at Lisbon (God bee thanked) in good safetie; and the Gabriel and the Minnyon also. As yet we haue not landed our goods nor sold any thing, for it is but 3. daies since we arriued. Touching Sales or Impliments, I do vnderstand that it will not fall out so well as I wished or hoped it would: but I will doo my verie best indeuour for you according as time shall serue.

Brode clothes of the fineſt sorts, I doo heare may be worth about 50. Duckets: and sorting clothes 38. Duckets: fine Stammels 80. Duckets a cloth: Reading Kerseis about 14. Duekots a peece: Bayes about 12. Duckets a peece: Lead 19. Rials the Kintall: wheat 3. Rials and a halfe the Alquer. ¶ Of the wares here of the

countrey: Pepper is worth about 50. Duckets the Kintal: cloues 75. Duckets: maces 80. Dks: Nutmegs 80. Duckets: Sinamond 68. Duckets: Callicowes of Sancto Passes at 50. Duckets the Corge: Sope at 7. Dukets the Kintal: Brasill at 7. Dukets and a halfe the Kintall. Oyles 86. Duckets the tunne: Salt at 11. Rialls the Muy. *Little newes I heare worth the writing, onlie it is saide that the King, &c. [*Here write your newes.*] Thus taking my leaue with my duetie also remembred to my good Mistresse, &c. I heartelie desire of God to protect and prosper you and all yours. From Lisbon the 27. day of October. 1589.

** Note that you inquire & also write the prises of all other Vendible Wares.*

Your faithfull seruant
whiles I liue.
P. A.

*A Letter to be written to your Master, or some other man that is of Worship, next after your first Letter.*

*Emanuel.*

3. AFter my duetie remembred vnto your Worship: I pray for your good health and prosperitie, &c. These are certifying your Worship, that by a ship of London called the Marchant royall, I wrote to you before of our arriuall heere at Lisbon. But least some chance should let the comming of my letter to your

your hands, you ſhall againe vnderſtand that on the 24. day of October, within 16. daies after our departure from Kingrode, wee arriued here at Lisbon (God be thanked) in good ſafetie, and the Minion and the Gabriel alſo. Touching Sales or Impliments it falleth not out ſo well as I hoped & wiſhed it would: but I haue done my very beſt indeuour for you as time ſerued. Your 10 fine brode clothes, I ſold them for 50. Duckets and 6. Rialls a peece. Your Stammell brode cloth I haue ſold for 84. Duckets and 3. Rials. Your Lead I haue ſold for 23. Rials the Kintall. The Waxe for 24. Duckets and a halfe the Kintall. And as for your Impliments, I haue according vnto your remembrance laden for you in the Gabriell, 6. Kintals and 2. Roues of Pepper, which coſt the firſt pennie 50. Duckets the Kintal. Alſo in that ſhip 1. Kintall of Cloues which coſt the firſt pennie 75. Duckets and a halfe: and haue marked it all according to your marke in the * margent.

Maſes are here worth 80. Dks. the Kintall: Sinamond 68. Dks. Nutmegs 80. Dks. Callicowes of S. Paſſes at 50. Dks. the Corge. Oyles 86. Duckets the tunne: Sope at 7. Duckets the kintall: Brafill 7. Dks. and a halfe the kintall: Salt 11. Rials the Muy. ¶ Of our Engliſh commodities: Reading Kerſies are worth 14. Dks. a peece: Bayes 9. Dks. 4. Rials a peece: Wheat 3. Rials and a halfe the Alquer, &c.

Within this foure daies wee hope to make readie to depart for Andalozia: God bee our good ſpeed whenſoeuer we goe. In Andalozia we vnderſtand that Oyles are worth about 78. Duckets the tunne: and Secks 12. Duckets the But. Little newes I heare worth the writing: &c. Thus taking my leaue, I commit your Worſhip to Almightie God. From Lisbon the 7. day of Nouember. 1589.

Your Worſhips at commandement to the vttermoſt of my power.

R. A.

*A Letter to be written vpon your arriuall from Lisbon vnto your ſecond Port.*

*Emanuel.*

4. AFter my duetie remembred, I pray for your good health and proſperitie, &c. Theſe are certifying you, that on the 7. day of December, within 5. daies after our departure from Liſbon, we arriued at S. Lucar (God bee thanked) in good ſafetie. Touching Sales or impliments here, it falleth out not ſo well as I hoped and wiſhed it would; but I haue done my very beſt indeuour for you as the time ſerued. Your 12. peeces of Bayes I haue ſolde for 11. Duckets and 7. Rials the peece: and your 15. tunnes of Lead, after 21. Rials the Kintall, &c. [*Here write forwards as it is in the Letter next before, changing onely*

*onely the names of the wares which you haue to buy or sell in that countrey.*

Your faithfull and obedient seruant. R. A.

*A Letter to be sent in that ship where you haue laden goods for any Marchant.*

*Emanuel.*

5. AFter* my very heartie commendations vnto you, I pray for your good health & prosperitie, &c. These are certifying you, that I haue laden for your accompt in the Gabriell of Bristow according to your remembrance, 4. tuns of oyle, which is marked with your mark in the * margent. The which doth cost the first pennie 11. Rials and a halfe the Roue, and doth amount vnto 75. Duckets, 3. Rialls the tunne. More I haue laden for you 2. Roues of Cochenele, which cost after 160. Duckets the kintal, and is marked according to the same marke. More 12. buts of Seck which cost the first penie 15. Dks. the But, marked also with the former. Al which goods (God willing) I hope you shal well and safely receaue. Here within inclosed I send you a bill of lading for all your goods, & likewise your accompt. Thus for this time I take my leaue, trusting my selfe very shortly to be at home, for by the grace of God I purpose to come alongst in the *Pleasure*: vntill which time

*Note that whē you write to a Marchant or any other, which is not your Master or is not a man of worship: thē may you well enough begin alwaies your letters after this manner.

time I commit you to Almightie God. From S. Lucar the 23. day of December. 1589.

Your assured to my power. R A.

*A Letter to bee written to one that hath left some businesse to doo for him vnder your hands, there in the Countrey.*

*Emanuel.*

6. AFter my verie hartie commendations vnto you, I pray for your good health and prosperitie, &c. These are certifying you, that touching such businesse which you appoynted me to doo for you: I haue now sold the 4. brode clothes which you left here with me, for 48. Dks. a peece: and haue imployed the monie according to your direction. Namely in 1. kintall of Pepper, which cost the first penny 45. Duckets and a halfe the kintall, and haue laden it in the Minion. More in the same ship I haue ladē 3. Roues of Cloues, which cost after 76. Dks. the kintall, and haue marked it all with your mark as in the* margēt. The mony which you appointed me to receaue of P. B. he hath paid it me: and I haue passed it (and all the rest of the money in my hands, beeing in the whole 184. Duckets, 2. Rialls): by exchange to Siuill in B. E. as was your remembrance. I do send you your accompt here within enclosed. Also your letter that you left with me, I haue sent by m[illegible] bro[illegible]

brother in law I.R. in the Tobie. I pray you do my harty cõmendations vnto my good frends at Bristow, master I.P. &c. Litle newes I heare worth the writing. Thus taking my leaue I commit you to Almightie God. From Lisbon the 5. day of Ianuarie 1589.

Yours assured to my power. R.A.

*A Letter to bee written to a friend, giuing him thanks for some pleasure he hath done for you, and requesting againe some farther good turne of him.*

*Emanuel.*

AFter my very hartie commendations vnto you: I pray for your good health and prosperitie, &c. These are giuing you most heartie thanks for your great paines & gentlenes heretofore shewed vnto me: assuring you that you shall finde me to the vttermost of my power, both gratefull and mindfull to pleasure you againe in the like and greater if I be able. Desiring you hartily yet once more, to let me craue so much your good wil, as to do me again this one pleasure: which is, to deliuer this letter herein closed, to master P.R. Draper, that dwelleth in Lisbon in the *Rua nova*: and that you would receaue for me of him 100. Dks. which I haue written to him to pay you. And when you haue receaued it, that you would bee so

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good as to imploy it all in good Pepper, and to ſet * my maſters marke on it, which is as in the margent. Praying you to agree for freyte, and to procure to haue it laden in the *Pleaſure*, & to write a letter vnto my Maſter about it. I am ſorie that I am driuen to make ſtill ſo bold vpon you: wiſhing that you had the like or greater occaſion to trie alſo my good will towards you. Little newes I heare worth the writing &c. Thus taking my leaue, I commit you to Almightie God. From Ciuel 25. day of Ianuarie 1589.

Your aſſured to my power. R. A.

*A Letter to be written to a friend when you would haue him to pleaſure you in any matter.*

*Emanuel.*

5. AFter my very heartie commendations vnto you: I pray for your good health and proſperitie, &c. Theſe are moſt hartelie to deſire ſo much your friendſhip and good will, to doo me this pleaſure: as to receiue for me out of the Gabriel when ſhe cõmeth to S. Lucar, 6. tunnes of Lead conteining 150. peeces, being marked as in the * margent: & to doo ſo much as make preſent ſale of it, the beſt you can as the time ſerueth. And when you haue made ſale and receiued

ceiued monies for it, that you would bee so good as to ride vnto Sheres and buy for me 8. Buts of very good Secke the best that possible can bee gotten, though they cost a Ducket or two the more in a But: & to lade them away as soone as is possible aboord the Gabriell, marking the with the former marke in the margent. And the rest of the monies that you shall haue left, I pray you to passe it with all speede hither to Siuil vnto me. Herein (if without seeming ouer bold) I may craue your paines to pleasure me: I doo assure you that you shall finde me to the vttermost of my power, both gratefull and mindfull to pleasure you againe in the like and much greater if I can bee able. Little newes I heare worth the writing. Thus taking my leaue I commit you to Almightie God. From Siuil the 27. day of Ianuarie. 1589.

Your assured to my power. R. A.

*This breefe and plaine order in your letters, I thinke it best you should for a time vse, because of easing a while your own young invention of Inditing: for after this manner of stile you may write to most sorts of persons.*

*The superscription of your Letters may be thus.*

To the worshipfull, Alderman Aldworth Marchant, dwelling in Smalstreat in Bristow: giue this with speed.

Or say: to the Worshipfull my Master Master Iohn Barker Marchant, &c.

Or: to my assured good friend Master Thomas Pits Marchant, &c.

## CERTAINE ESPECIALL BRIEF NOTES OF WAIGHTS, measures, and value of monies in Portingale, Spaine and France, with an instruction for the better knowledge of diuers wares in those countries.

### Of the Kintall or hundred weight of Portingale, Spaine, or France.

#### *Of the Kintall of Portingale.*

*Obserue besides these instructions following, to make diligent inquirie your selfe, in all places where you trade, of euerie of these points, for these notes may in some countries and through time be a little altred and changed from the rules here set downe.*

NOte that in Lisbon in Portingale, the Kintall of Pepper and of Ginger (which they call the lesser kintall) is 112. pound. And their Roue or quarterne waight is 28. pound, & holdeth out with our English hundred of 112. pound, and sometimes two or three pound more.

The kintall of most sorts of all other spices, as Cloues, Maces, Sinamond, &c. containeth 128. pound, and is called the great Kintall: and the Roue containeth 32. pound, and doth hold

our

out about 15. or 16. pound more than our Engliſh hundred.

*Of the Kintall of Spaine.*

Note that in moſt parts of Spaine, their kintall is 100. li. and containeth of our Engliſh waight but * 102. li. So as our hundred waight is 10. in the 100. greater than theirs. Excepting the Kintall waight of Iron in Biskey, which is 150. pound, and doth make about 114. pound, of our Engliſh waight.

*Note that lead doth moſt commonly hold out after this rate of waste: but moſt ſorts of other Engliſh wares, doo not ſo.*

*Of the Kintall of France.*

Note that in Rochell & Burdeaux, and ſo in moſt parts of France, the Kintall is 100. pound: and holdeth out with our Engliſh hundred: ſauing that through falſhood of the wayers, it falleth leſſe in one place than in another.

## OF THE MEASVRES OF cloth in Portingale, Spaine, and France.

*Portingale.*

NOte that the meaſure of cloth in Lisbon is the Couada: which conteineth about three quarters of our Engliſh yarde. But the meaſure of Linnen cloth, is chiefly bought and ſold by the Vare: which is about an Ell leſſe a naile of our Engliſh meaſure.

*Spaine.*

Note that the meaſure of Spaine is called the Vare: which conteineth an Engliſh yard leſſe a naile.

*France.*

Note that the measure of France, is the Aulne: which conteineth almost a naile longer than our English Ell.

## OF THE MEASVRES OF Corne and Salt in Portingale, Spaine, and France.

*Portingale.*

Note that the measure of Corne in Lisbon is the Alquer: and 3. Alquers make about a Bushell of our Bristow measure, which is *8. gallonds Winchester: and 5. Alquers or neere thereabouts, maketh a Hanic of the measure of Spaine.

**The corne measure of Bristowe is 8. gallonds Winchester.*

*Spaine.*

Note that the measure of Spaine, in the Hanic, which conteineth about a Bushel & a halfe of our measure of Bristow: so as 2. Hanicks makes about 3. bushels of ours.

*France.*

Note that the measure of Rochel and Burdeaux is the Boiseau: which conteineth neere about 3. peckes of our Bristow measure.

## OF THE MEASVRE of Salt.

*Portingale.*

ITem, the measure of Salt of Portingale, is called the Muy: and 60. Alquers makes a Muy: and

and 2. Muyes and 15. Alquers or thereabouts, makes a tun of our water measure of Bristow.

*The water measure of Salt of Bristow is 10. gallonds Winchester: & the tunne is 40. of those measures or bushels.*

*Spaine.*

Item, the measure of Salt of Spaine, is called the Kayis, and 12. Hanicks goeth to a Kayis: & 2. Kayis & 3. Hanicks or thereabouts, makes a tunne of our water measure of Bristow.

*France.*

Item, in Rochel in France, the measure of salt is the Boiseau: and 24. Boiseaus makes a Muy: and 32. Muyes makes a hundred: and 2. Muyes makes about a tunne and 5. bushels of our Bristowe measure. The best measure of all is the Oldron measure, which is 36. Muyes to a hundred: & euery hundred maketh about 20. tuns of our Bristow measure.

## OF THE VALVE OF MOnies in Spaine, Portingale and France.

*Spaine.*

NOte that the Ducket of Spaine, hath 11. rials of plate: and euerie riall of plate hath 34. Meruedis: & euery ducket 374. Meruedis. The Ducket is 5. shillings sixe pence of our English monie: the rial of plate is six pence, & the Meruede is lesse than our farthing. The halfe rial of plate is 17. Meruedis: and the quartel is 8. Meruedis and a halfe: and the single pistolet of gold is 11. Rialls, 3. quartels being 400. Meruedis,

which is 6. ſhillings leſſe 3. halfe pence of our Engliſh money.

*Portingale.*

Note that the Ducket of Portingale is 10. Rials, and euerie Rial 40. Res: and euery Ducket 400. Res. The Duket is iuſt our Engliſh crowne: the Riall of plate is ſixe pence: and the Res is about halfe a farthing. The Teſton of Portingale is 2. Rials and a halfe, which is one ſhilling and three pence Engliſh: and the halfe Rial or Vinten is 20. Res, which is three pence Engliſh: and the Milres of gold is 1000. Res iuſt, which is two Duckets and a halfe, and is twelue ſhillings ſixe pence Engliſh.

*France.*

Note that the French Crowne of France called the Eſcu, is 3. Liuers: and euery Liuer 20. Sous: and euerie Eſcu 60. Sous. The Eſcu is ſixe ſhillings Engliſh mony: the Liuer is two ſhillings: and the Sous is almoſt one penie and farthing, for fiue Sous is ſix pence Engliſh. The Sous alſo is deuided into Liards and into Deniers: for there goeth to the Sous 6. Liards, and to the Liard 2. Deniers, and 12. Deniers to a Sous. The Flemiſh crowne is 2. Sous leſſe then is the French crowne. The Teſton of France is 14. Sous and a halfe, which is one ſhilling fiue pence halfe penie: and ſome of the newer Teſtons are worth 15. Sous, which is one ſhilling and ſixe pence Engliſh.

# A BRIEFE INSTRVCTION FOR THE BETTER KNOWledge of certaine wares of *Portingale, Spaine and France.*

*Pepper.*

NOte that of Pepper: the greateſt and largeſt is beſt, and that which is cleaneſt without much duſt. The which you ſhal trie the cleanneſſe of it, by taking vp a handfull of it ſomewhat lowe in the bagge, for the duſt will appeare on your fingers after letting downe the Pepper. The ruſſet coloured pepper is beſt, and that which is ſoũd: the which you may proone the ſoundnes of it, by rubbing it hard betwixt your hands. If it bee verie black of colour, and the duſt of it moiſt, & ſticking to your fingers, then hath it taken wet, and is not ſo good.

*Cloues.*

Note that of Cloues: the longeſt and ſmalleſt ſtems are beſt, and which are cleane without duſt, & without much of the mother cloue & which are drie. The which you may proue the drineſſe of them, by breaking the ſtems of ſome of them: that if they breake ſhort and not bow,

bowe, then is it a signe that they are good and drie. But if they be verie blacke, and will bend: then is it like they are moyst and wet.

*Maces.*

Note that of Maces: the greateſt and largeſt are beſt, and which are of fayre and bright orenge colour, and ſuch as are cleaneſt and beſt without the Nutmegs, and without the bright yellowe maces.

*Sinamon.*

Note that of Sinamon: the largeſt and thinneſt rinde is beſt, and thoſe which are of fayre and bright orenge colour, and which are quickeſt and pleaſanteſt on the tong. But the thicke rind & dusky colourd Sinamon is not ſo good.

*Nutmegs.*

Note that of Nutmegs: the largeſt and greateſt are beſt, and which are of a bright ruſſet colour, and ſound, waightie, and quicke on the tongue.

*Ginger.*

Note that of Ginger: the greateſt and largeſt are beſt, and which are of yellow or faire ruſſet colour, and ſound, waightie, and hote on the tongue.

*Suger.*

Note that of Suger: the faire and white colour is beſt, and which is hard, and without brownneſſe in the heart of the loafe: the which brownneſſe of it is ſeene, by having the loafe broken

broken in the midſt, or otherwiſe if the whole head of the loafe round about bee browne and darke coloured.

*Calicowes.*

Note that of * Calicowes: the whiteſt and cleaneſt without ſtarch are beſt, and which are of fine thrid, cloſe made, & that haue ſubſtance in feeling them. But thoſe which are much ſtarched, of great thrid, and thin wouen, are not ſo good.

**Of Calicowes are diuers and ſundrie ſortes: and therefore the knowledge of them al cannot be perfectly deſcribed.*

*Salt.*

Note that of Salt: the brighteſt and whiteſt colour is beſt, & which is cleane without durt or ſtrawes, and that which is olde and not new ſalt. The which if it be new, it is perceaued by the moiſtnes of it, and by the ſticking of it to your fingers after hard wringing of it in your hande.

*Cochenele.*

Note, that of Cochenele: the largeſt and brighteſt gray or ſiluer colour is beſt, and that which dooth caſt the quickeſt and moſt orient red in the palme of your hand, after you haue rubbed and mingled it with a little ſpittle.

*Oyles.*

Note of Oyle: the ſweeteſt, and cleareſt, yelloweſt, greeneſt, and without water or foot, is the beſt. But if it be darke coloured, verie rank and with much foote, it is not good.

*Sope.*

Note that of Portingale Sope: the whiteſt, hardeſt, drieſt, and ſweeteſt is beſt, and which hath moſt of the blew vaines and the coulour cleere and faire, and which (as I ſaid) is hardeſt and drieſt. The which is ſomewhat perceaued, by the noiſe or ratling that it will make within the Searne when it is ſhaken. But if it be duskie coloured, of few blew vaines, ſoft, of greaſie and ranke ſauour, moiſt, and clinging one to another, it is not ſo good.

*Ode.*

Note that of Ode: the knowledge and goodnes thereof, if verie hardlie perceaued before it come to proofe of boiling, and men chuſe it either by experience or good report of the Soyles where it groweth, or elſe of the fatnes of the Ode. The which is ſomewhat perceaued the fatnes of it, by breaking a clot betwixt your fingers, wherein will appeare certaine vaines of thrids: the which vaines if they be manie, and will ſpin long, it is a good ſigne: but if there bee fewe or none, and doo breake ſhort, it is an euill ſigne. Alſo ſome vſe triall of it, by rubbing it with a little ſpittle on a knife: the which if it doo caſt a good quick blew coulour, and dooth ſomewhat ſtaine the knife: they ſay it is a good ſigne, &c.

*Iron.*

Note that of Iron, the ſmalleſt and thinneſt drawne,

drawne, and which hath leaſt crackes though moſt flawes, it is the beſt. And if in breaking a tong or barre, it doo breake tough, & not ſhort, it is good. But if it looke after a firie red colour, and hath manie crackes, it is not good.

*Traine.*

Note that of Traine: the cleareſt and ſweeteſt is beſt, and that which is without much foote or water. But if it be thick and darke coloured and verie ranke of ſauour, it is not good.

*Wines.*

Of Wines: it cannot be ſet downe by pen or words, the right knowledge of it, for it is perceiueable onelie by the taſte and ſauor. But the beſt ſorts of Wines generallie are, when they doe taſt pleaſant and ſtrong withall, and when they drink cleane and quick in the pallet of the mouth, and when they are cleere and white hued if they bee white Wines, or of faire orient red, if they be red Wines. But if they drinke weake, rough, foule, flat, inclining to egerneſſe, or long: they are not good.

# Here followeth

the forme of a ſpaniſh accompt, and how to make a bill of lading, a letter of remembrance, a bill of exchange, a bill of debt, an acquittance, a letter of Atturney, an obligation, and a Policie for aſſurance. &c.

Concaua nolouc.

Concaua nolouc.

*Set this folowing as the superſcription vpon the Accompt.*

# THE ACCOMPT of my Maſter, Alderman Aldworth Marchant of the Citie of Briſtowe, giuen by me his ſeruant R.A. the ſixteenth day of Ianuarie. 1589.

The 14. day of December. 1589.

*Broade clothes 10. peeces and one fine Stammell: for the accompt of my Maſter Alderman Aldworth Marchant of the Citie of Briſtowe, marked vnder this marke in the margent, and receaued out of the Gabriel in Liſbon: oweth theſe charges following.*

| | | | |
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| " | *For bartage, landing, and other charges, which commeth to 4. Rials 5. Res. Amount into Portingall Res.* 0 | | |
| " | *For Marco cuſtome at 10. Res the pack.* 0 | | |
| " | *For meaſuring at 10. Res the Cloth.* 0 | | |
| " | *For windage at 20. Res the pack* 0 | | |
| " | *For brokerage at halfe per 100.* 0 | | |
| " | *For aueredge at 3. Rio. the Cloth.* 0 | | |
| " | *For my * prouiſion at 2. and halfe per 100* | | |
| | *The Neate hereof is 238 V. 159 Res: for which I will make you creditor in account currant. Fol. 47.* | | |
| | *Summe totall.* | 000 M. 238 | V. 159 |

Nu°. 1.

| * | *Res |
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| 000 M. 000 | V. 165 |
| | V. 010 |
| | V. 110 |
| | V. 020 |
| | 1 V. 236 |
| | 1 V. 320 |
| | 6 V. 180 |
| 000 M. 238 | V. 159 |

*Res*

000 M. 247 V. 200

Note that this letter *M. ſtandeth for Million, and this letter *V. ſtandeth for thouſand.

Obſerue here in the accompt of Sales: that you write firſt on the other ſide, what is due to your Maſter, and ſo ſhall you by ſight of that, the better drawe out the Neate, of the charges, and alſo of your cuſtomes, brokerage, and prouiſion.

Note that *prouiſion is not but in certaine degrees to be charged, nor Auerege.

The 14. day of December. 1589.

*Per contra: is due* 247. *V.* 200. *Res in the Sales of* 10. *fine broad clothes, and one ſtammell, and a cotton wrapper: ſold to Iaques Magomes Draper of Liſbon at* 53. *Duckets* 4. *Rials a cloth: & the Stammel at* 75. *Duckets: and the cotton wrapper containing* 40. *conades, at* 2. *Rials* 10. *Res the conada, & ſo amount.*

*Summe totall.* — *Res* 000 *M.* 247 *V.* 200.

The 18. day of December 1589.

*Wax 14. Kintals and 9 pound for the account of my Maſter Alderman Aldworth: marked vnder this marke in the margent, and receiued out of the Gabriel in Liſbon: weth theſe charges folowing.*

| | | Res |
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| " | *For barckage, landing, & other charges, which commeth to 2 Rials 5. Res. Amount into Portingall Reis.* 0. | 000 M. 000 V. 085 |
| " | *For windage at 5. Res the hogſhed.* 0 | V. 040 |
| " | *For auerege at one Riall and a halfe per kintall* | V. 440 |
| " | *For brokerage at halfe per 100.* 0 | V. 662 |
| " | *For my prouiſion at 2 and halfe per 100.* | 3. V. 312 |
| | *The * Neate heereof is 127. V. 961. Res: for which I will make credit or in account currant. Fol.* 47. 0. | 000 M. 127 V. 961 |
| | *Summe totall.* | Res 000 M. 132 V. 500 |

* Summe all the charges in a waſt paper, and then ſubſtract it out of the totall in the other ſide: and the remainder thereof is the *Neate.

Note that the cuſtomes and dueties vpon wares in Portingall and Spaine, dooth oftentimes chang: therefore you muſt euerie voyage, make diligent inquirie of it, and ſo accordinglie charge the accompt.

The 18. day of December 1589.

*Per contra: is due* 132. *V.* 500. *Res in the Sales of* 14. *Kintals and* 9. *pound of Wax, sold to Bernard Priget Marchant of Lisbon at* 23. *Duckets* 5. *Reals the Kintall. Amount.*

*Summe totall.* — *Res* 000 *M.* 132 *V.* 506

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The 18. day of December 1589.

*Lead 15 Tunnes containing 270 peeces, for the account of my Master Alderman Aldworth: marked vnder this marke in the margent, and receiued out of the Ioseph in Saint Lucar, weeth these charges folowing.*

| | | Mer. |
|---|---|---|
| " | *For barckage, landing, & other charges, which commeth to 2 Duckets 5 Rials. Amount into Spanish Meruedis.* 0. | 000 M. 000 V. 918 |
| " | *For lodgeroome and waying it. Amount.* | V. 730 |
| " | *For windage at 17 Mer. the Tunne.* 0 | V. 255 |
| " | *For *custome at 7 and a halfe per 100.* | 16 V. 437 |
| " | *For brokerage at halfe per 100.* 0 | 1. V. 096 |
| " | *For auerege at 3 Rials per Tunne.* 0 | 1 V. 530 |
| " | *For my *prouision at 2 and a halfe per 100.* | 5. V. 484 |
| | *The Neate heereof is 192. V. 910. Meruedis: for which I will make you creditor in Account currant. Folio 47.* 0 | 000 M. 192 V. 910 |
| | *Summe totall.* | Mer. 000 M. 219 V. 360 |

The easiest rule to take out your custome or prouision vpon the 100. is onely to multiplie your Totall by your number of 7. and a halfe, or 2 and a halfe. And then for your halfe, take the halfe of your first summe and set it vnder your Multiplier, and so summe it vp altogether: and all saving the 2. last figures, is your prouision or custome.

*Example.*

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The 28. day of Ianuarie 1589.

*Per contra: in due* 219. *V.* 260. *Mrs: in the Sales of* 300 *Kintals and teenie pounds of lead: solde to Francisco Berea Marchant of Sivill at* 21. *Rials,* 17. *Mrs the Kintall.*

*Summe tot all.* Mrs. 000 *M.* 219 *V.* 360

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T. C. B.

Joseph Cot

The 4. day of Ianuarie 1589.

*Bayes 20. peeces for the accompt of my Master Alderman Aldworth, marked vnder this marke in the margent, receiued out of the Pleasure in S. Lucar: wherof charges following.*

| | | Nº. 1. |
|---|---|---|
| " | *For barkage, landing, and other charges, which commeth to 4. Rials. Amount into Spanish Mequedis.* o | Mer. 000 M. 000 V. 136 |
| " | *For lodgeroome and carriage.* o | V. 086 |
| " | *For custome at 7. and a halfe per 100* | 7 V. 346 |
| " | *For windage at 17. Mer. the pack* o | V. 017 |
| " | *For Auerege at 1. Rial and a halfe the peece* o | 1 V. 020 |
| " | *For brokerage at halfe per 100* o | V 489 |
| " | *For my prouision at 2. and a halfe per 100* o | 2. V 548 |
| | *The Neate hereof is, 86. V. 318. Meruedis: for which I will make you creditor in Account currant. Fol 47.* o | 000 M. 086 V. 318 |
| | *Summe totall.* | Mer. 000 M. 097 V. 960 |

The 4. day of Ianuarie 1589.

*Per contra : is due 97. V. 960 Mervedis : in the sales of 20. peeces of Bayes, solde to Pedro Meria Draper of S. Lucar at 13. Duckets 4. Rials a peece. Amount.*

*Summe total all.* — *Mer.* 000 M. 097 V. 960.

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The 15. day of December. 1589.

*Pepper for the account of my Maſter Alderman Aldworth Marchant of the Caſtle of Briſtow oweth 124. V. 800. Reſter 6 kintals laden in the Gabriel of Briſtow, which coſt the firſt pennie 52. Duckets the kintall Amount.* o

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| | 000 M.124 V.800 |

*More oweth theſe charges folowing*

| | | |
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| " | *For 16 Vares of Canuas to double hagge the pepper, at 65. Res the Vare.* o | 1. V.040 |
| " | *For carriage and bareage.* o | V.090 |
| " | *For cuſtome at the portage at 9. Ridder kintall* | V.054 |
| " | *For cuſtome at the India houſe at one per 100.* | 1 V.243 |
| " | *For windage. Amount.* o | V.017 |
| " | *For brokerage at halfe per 100.* o | V.624 |
| " | *For auenege at 80. Res the hagge* o | V.240 |
| " | *For a Diſpacho in the portage coſt 10. Res.* o | *V.010 |
| " | *For my* prouiſion at 2. and a halfe per 100.* o | 3.V.203 |

*Summe totall.*

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| | 000 M.131 V.326 |

Heere nowin the impliments obſerue to write downe firſt your Maſter dettor, for the charges of thoſe wares which you lade him.

*Note here that in taking your *prouiſion: you muſt ſumme all the Items before, and ſo of the totall take it out.

The 15. day of December 1589.

*Per contra* : is due 131. *V.* 326. *Res*, in the whole charges of 6. Kintals of pepper marked Vnder this marke in the margent: and bought of Michaell Sebra Marchant of Lisbon, at 52. Duckets per Kintall. Amount.

*Summe totall.* ooo *M.* 131 *V.* 326.

The 16. day of December. 1589.

*Cloues 12 kintal's, and *Maces 3. Roues: and *Sinamon one kintall 2. Roues: for the account of my Maſter Alderman Aldworth, oweth 103 *V.* 220. *Res*, which coſt the firſt pennie 75. Duckets 4. Rials the kintall of Cloues: and 83 Duckets the kintall of Maces, and 68. Duckets the kintall of Sinamon. Amount. o

*Res*
000 *M.* 103 *V.* 220

More oweth theſe charges folowing

" For 10. Vares of Canuas to double bagge the ſpices, at 65. *Res* the Vare. o — *V.* 650
" For carriage and barckage. o — *V.* 120
" For cuſtome at the portage at 20. *Res* per kintall. — *V.* 080
" For cuſtome at the India houſe at one per 100. — 1 *V.* 032
" For bindage at 5. *Res* the bagge. o — *V.* 010
" For buerege at 80. *Res* the bagge. o — *V.* 240
" For brokerage at halfe per 100. o — *V.* 516
" For my prouiſion at 2. and a halfe per 100. o — 2 *V.* 646

Summe totall.

*Res*
000 *M.* 108 *V.* 514

*Note that if you lade anie great quantitie of diuers ſorts of ſpices: then is it conuenient that you charge and make an account of euerie one ſeuerallie by it ſelfe. But if you buy but a ſmall quantitie of each ſort: then for breuitie and eaſe of trouble, you may obſerue that forme aboue preſcribed, for the charges thereof will not bee great, and euerie Marchant can quicklie gueſſe the ſeuerall charge.

The 16. day of December 1589.

*Per contra: is due* 108. *V.* 514. *Res in the whole charges of* 2. *kintals of Cloues:* 3. *Rones of Maces: and one kintall* 2. *Rowes of Synamon: laden in the Gabriel Vnder this marke in the margent: and bought of Lewis Betron and Martin Ferbuc Marchants of Lisbon.*

*Summe totall.* G

*Rec*
000 M. 108 *V.* 514.

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The 3. day of Ianuarie 1589.

| | | Mer. |
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| | Oyles 10. Pipes for the account of my Maſter Alderman Aldworth: oweth 115. V. 600. Meruedis for 400. Roues of Oyle, which coſt the firſt pennie 8. Rials and a halfe the Roue. Amount. o | 000 M. 115 V. 600 |
| | More oweth theſe charges following. | |
| " | For 10. leare Pipes for the Oyles, which coſt 24. Rials & a halfe the pipe. Amount into Spaniſh Meruedis. o | 8. V. 330 |
| " | For watring the Pipes, and carriage of them at 15. Mer. the Pipe. o | V. 150 |
| " | For Marco almeran: and bota fuera, at 25 Mer. the Pipe. o | V. 250 |
| " | For S. Georges cuſtome at one Riall per Tunne. | V. 170 |
| " | For yeſſo for the Pipes at 10. Mer. the Pipe. o | V. 100 |
| " | For carriage of them to the Shrof at 21. Mer. the Pipe. o | V. 210 |
| " | For filling, rowling, & hooping of them, at 45 Mer. the Pipe. o | V. 450 |
| " | For the Coopers wages at 3. Rials the day, being 5. dayes. o | V. 510 |
| " | For Nailes, Corke, Canuas, and Leather. o | V. 170 |
| " | For Encomiendo at one per 100. o | 1. V. 156 |
| " | For brokerage at halfe per 100. o | V. 578 |
| " | For cartage at 5. Rials the Tunne. o | V. 850 |
| " | For barckage at 7. Rials 12. Mer. the Tunne. o | 1. V. 250 |
| " | For hooping againe aboorde the ſhippe at 17. Mer. the Pipe. o | V. 170 |
| " | For hundage at one Riall per Tunne. o | V. 170 |
| " | For windage at 17. Mer. the Tunne. o | V. 085 |
| " | For auerege at 3. Rials per Tunne. o | V. 510 |
| " | For my proviſion at 2. and a halfe per 100. o | 3. V. 267 |
| | Summe totall. | Mer. 000 M. 133 V. 976 |

Note that the cuſtome and duetie vpon wares in Spaine and Portingale do oftentimes chang: therefore you muſt euery voyage, make diligent inquirie of it, and ſo accordinglie charge the accompt.

The 3. day of Ianuarie 1589.

*Per contra*: is due 133 *V*. 976 *Meruedis*: in the whole charges of 5. Tunnes of Oyles containing 400. Roues: laden aboord the Gabriel in Saint Lucar in Andaloſia Vnder this marke in the margent: and bought of Sebaſtian de Lega Gentleman of Cyuell. Amount.

*Summe tot all.*

*Mer.*
000 M. 133 *V*. 976

The 5. day of Ianuario. 1589.

| | | Mer. |
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| *Sackes for the account of my maister Alderman Aldworth, oweth 89. V. 760. Merueds, for 20. Buttes, which cost the first pennie 12. Duckets the Butt.* o | | 000 M. 089 V. 760 |
| *More oweth these charges following.* | | |
| *For custome in Shzeres at 7. and a halfe per 100.* | | 6 V. 630 |
| *For imposition at 15. Mer. the Butt.* o | | V. 300 |
| *For Cartage to Portall at 4. Ri. the Butt.* o | | 2. V. 720 |
| *For hooping, harring, and other charges, at 25 Mer. the Butt.* o | | V. 500 |
| *For Nayles, Corke, and Canuas, at 8. Merueds the Tunne* o | | V. 080 |
| *For Almerant at 14. Mer. the Butt* o | | V. 280 |
| *For brokerage at one Riall the Butt.* o | | V. 680 |
| *For bandage at one Riall the Tunne.* o | | V. 340 |
| *For barke hire at 7. Rials the Tunne.* o | | 2. V. 380 |
| *For custome to S. Georges chappell at 6. Mer. the Butt.* o | | V. 120 |
| *For auerege at 3. Rials the Tunne.* o | | 1. V. 020 |
| *For Vllages aborde the shippe, which came to 187. Mer. the Butt.* o | | 3. V. 740 |
| *For windage at 17. Mer. the Tunne.* o | | V. 170 |
| *For my prouision at 2. and a halfe per 100.* o | | 8 V. 788 |
| *Summe totall.* | | Mer. 000 M. 111 V. 508 |

The 5. day of Ianuarie 1589.

*Per contra: is due* 111 *V.* 508 *Mervedis: in the whole charges of* 20. *Buttes of Secke, laden aboorde the Mynnion in Saint Lucar in Andolosia Under this marke in the margent: and bought of Martin de Leso Citizen of Sheres.*

*Summe totall.* *Mer.* 000 M. 111 *V.* 508

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Account Current.

The 10. day of Ianuarie 1589.

*My Maſter Alderman Aldworth: Marchant of the Citie of Briſtowe, oweth* 131. *V.* 326. *Res of Portingale monies, which being reduced into Spaniſh Mer. make* 123. *V.* 118. *Mer. for ſo much coſt with all charges* 6. *kintals of pepper, as appeareth more at large Folio* 38. o

Mer.
000 M. 123 V. 118

*More oweth* 108. *V.* 514. *Res, which in Spaniſh Meruedis is* 101. *V.* 731. *Mer. for ſo much coſt with all charges* 2. *kintals of Cloues:* 3 *Roues of Mates, and one kintall* 2. *Roues of Synamom, as appeareth more at large. Fol.* 40. o

000. M. 101. V. 731

*More oweth* 133. *V.* 976. *Mer. for ſo much coſt with all charges* 10. *pipes of Oyle: as appeareth more at large: Fol.* 42. o

000. M. 133. V. 976

*More oweth* 111. *V.* 508. *Meruedis, for ſo much coſt with all charges* 20. *Buttes of Sacke, as appeareth more at large Fol* 44. o

000. M. 111. V. 508

*More oweth* 914. *Meruedis for regiſtring the billes of exchange in Cyuill, and recouering the monies, which is one Meruede vpon the Ducket.* o

000, M. 000. V. 914

*More oweth* 10. *V.* 608. *Mer. which is* 28. *Ducats. Res, for ſo much coſt all my charges and expences of the Voyage, as appeareth by the particular account thereof, which I will deliuer you.* o

000. M. 010. V. 608

*Item* 140. *V.* 610. *Mer. (which is* 376. *Duckets leſſe* 14. *Merue.) reſteth to ballance this account: for the which I will be countable vnto you at the ſight hereof.* o

Mer.
000 M. 622 V. 463

*Summe totall.*

Mer.
000 M. 819 V. 360

Note here in the account currant: that you muſt bring all your portingal (Res) into Spaniſh (Meruedis) which is only to multiplie your ſumme of Res, by the number of 15. and ſo to diuide the multiplier of that, by the number of 16. and that maketh it into Meruedis. This is a principall rule, and it were too long to yeeld the plaine reaſon of it. But note withall, that you muſt account after 375. Mer. to the ſpaniſh ducket: which one Meruede is cõmonly alowed to the Factor or recouerer of the monies.

Mul. 15. Deu. 16.

The 10 day of Ianuarie 1589.

*My maſter Alderman Aldworth marchant of the Citie of Briſtowe, is due 238. V. 159. Res of Portingale monies : which being reduced into Spaniſh Meruedis, maketh 223 V. 274. Meruedis, and the Neate of 10. fine broad clothes, one Stammell and a wrapper : as appeareth more at large. Folio. 30.* o—

Mer.
000 M. 223 V. 274

*More is due 127. V. 961. Res, which in Spaniſh Meruedis is 119. V. 963. Mer. and in the Neate of 14. kintals and 9 li. of Waxe : as appeareth more at large. Folio. 32.* o

000 M. 119 V. 963

*More is due 192. V. 910. Meruedis, and is the neate of 300. kintals and 10. pound of Lead, as appeareth. Folio. 34.* o

000 M. 192 V. 910

*More is due 86. V. 318. Meruedis : and is the neate of 20. peeces of Bayes, as appeareth. Fol. 36.*—

000 M. 086 V. 318.

*Summe totall.*

Mer.
000 M. 622 V. 465.

Note that you ſtill obſerue, to keepe a copie of euerie Marchants account that you deale for : for ſo will it be auailable for you, if you ſhould be called in queſtion againe, about your account.

*Thus endeth the Account.*

# CONSTANTINI CRVX.

## HERE FOLLOVV CERTAINE POINTS NECESSARIE for yong beginners.

*A brieſt order for making of a bill of lading, the which may ſerue for diuers mens goods, and may bee ſent to one Marchant alone, and requeſt him to giue aduertiſement of it to the others.*

HAth laden by the grace of GOD in good ſafetie in *Lisbon* in *Portingale*, & in S. *Lucar* in the Prouince of Andalouzia in *Spaine:* by R. A. Marchant of the Citie of Briſtowe, abord the ſhip called the *Pleaſure*, whereof is maſter for the preſent voyage W. M. and bound for the Port of Briſtowe in England, theſe goods and marchandiſe following. Namelie, fiue bags of pepper containing 12. Kintals and two Roues: for the accompt of my maſter T. R. Marchant of the citie of Briſtow, and marked vnder this marke in the margent. More 10. pipes of oyle for his accompt, marked alſo with the ſame marke. More 20. buts of Seck for his accompt, marked with the former marke.

*Note here that you obſerue to make ſtill a ſeuerall bill of lading for your maſters goods: and not to vſe this forme and order, but when your haſt of buſineſſe is great, or when you lade but ſome ſmall cabo for a Marchant.*



More alſo 3. Roues of Cochenele for the accompt of maſter I. B. Marchant of Briſtowe, and marked as in the margent. More 5. Buts of Seck for his accompt, marked with the former marke.



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More 8. Buts of Secke for the accompt of maſter T. I. marchant of Briſtowe, and marked as in the margent. All which goods and Marchandiſes, I R. A. purſer of the ſayd ſhip, do acknowledge to haue receaued abord, well and truelie conditioned. And by theſe preſents I do binde my ſelfe with the ſhip, her apparell and freight, to deliuer the ſayd goods in iuſt order and condition againe, vnto the Marchants and owners aforeſaid, GOD ſending the ſhip and goods to her Port in ſafetie, they paying freite with auereges accuſtomed, according to the charterpartie. In witneſſe of truth I R. A. Purſer haue vnto * two of theſe billes of lading ſet my hand, giuen the 20. day of Ianuarie. 1589.

By me R. A.

**Note that you are to make either 2. or 3. of theſe billes.*

*A brieſe order for making a Marchants particular remembrance.*

A Remembrance for you my ſeruant R. A. that principally you do with diligẽce * reade & regard the counſel of that litle booke which I now giue vnto you. And now (God willing) at your comming to *Lisbon*, you ſhall receaue out of the Ioſeph wherein you go, one pack of 10. fine brode Clothes, and 1. fine ſtamell cloth, with a gray cotten wrapper, the which are marked as in the margent. The brode clothes ſtãd me with all charges twelue pound a cloth, and I hope they wil yeeld you in Lisbon about 52. duckets. The Stammell ſtandeth me in 17. pound,

**Theſe words haue relation to the generall remembrance ſpoken of in the beginning.*

Nu°. 1.

pound, and I hope will yeeld you 75. Duckets: and the wrapper coſt 30. ſhillings. Al which do you your beſt indeuour, to ſell as the time ſerueth. More (God willing) you ſhall receiue 3. Hogſheads of Waxe, marked alſo with the former marke, wherein is 14. hundred and 13. pound. It doth ſtand me all charges, about fiue pound 12. ſhillings the hundred: the which you may ſell for 25. Duckets a Kintal, if time ſo offereth. More alſo you ſhall receaue for my accompt 20. tunnes of lead, conteining 345. peeces marked as in the * margent: the which if you cannot ſel to ſome reckoning in *Lisbon*, do you let it go along in the Ship to S. Lucar, and there to ſell it aſwell as you may: I hope it will be worth 22. Rials the Kintall.

And now for my impliments, doo you lade me in the Ioſeph 8. Kintalls of good and large pepper, and ſee that it be well made vp in good bagges, & giue charge it may be ſtowed in the drieſt part of the ſhip: more at your cõming to S. Lucar, do you lade me in the Gabriell 5. tuns of good oyles: and do you ſee well both to the watring and hooping of your caske, and to the cleannes of the Oyle that it bee without foote. More doo you alſo lade in the Vnicorne 12. pipes of Oyles, and haue care vnto it as before I haue ſaid. More lade me in the ſame ſhip the Vnicorne 16. Buts of very good Seck, and doo you giue a Ducket or two the more in a But, to

haue them principall good. And if after you haue bought al theſe wares, there be any ouerplus money remaining: doo you beſtowe it in good Cochenele, ſo farre as it will riſe, & mark all theſe goods with my marke as is before in the margent. But if it fall out that you ſhal want any monies, to furniſh the lading of 15. tunnes in the Vnicorne, which I am bound vnto: then requeſt ſo much friendſhip of T. M. to furniſh that which you want, in monies by exchange: and agree with him for the exchange ſo good cheape as you can, as about 6. ſhillings and 4. pence or 6. ſhillings & 8 pence the Ducket, and this my letter ſhall be your warrant. Make maſter W. O. in Lisbon, and maſter I. T. in S. *Lucar*, your friends to ayd and inſtruct you, in the buying and ſelling of all your wares: and giue them that thing, which I deliuered you, for a token of good will from me. Inquire ſecretlie what wares are in good requeſt & beſt vendible: and ſend me ſpeedie and ſecret intelligence of it. See that the purſer of the Vnicorne ſitme your bills of lading. Thus exhorting you to remember your duetie towards God: whome I beſeech to protect you euermore by his holie Spirit, and proſper you in all your affaires. Briſtow this 17. day of December. An. 1589.

Your Maſter to doo you any good that you ſhall deſerue.

T. A.

*The*

*The forme of a bill of exchange for the countrey of Spaine.*

WOrſhipfull: may it pleaſe you to pay vpon this my firſt bill vnto R. N. or the bearer hereof, within 15. daies after the ſafe arriuall of the Gabriell of Briſtow to her Port of diſcharge, * thirtie and three pounds, ſixe ſhillings and eight pence. Which is for 100. Duckets that I haue taken vp by exchange for your vſe of T. M. a Marchant of London at ſixe ſhillings and eight pence the Ducket. From S. *Lucar* the 16. day of December. 1589.

By me R. A.

*Note that you muſt make 3. of theſe bills.*

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*Say as followeth in your ſecond bill of exchange, and ſo according in the third.*

WOrſhipful: may it pleaſe you to pay vpon this my ſecond bill (*my firſt not being paied*) vnto R. N. or the bearer hereof: and ſo foorth as in the other.

*A bill of Exchange to be made in England.*

WItneſſeth this preſent bill of exchaunge: that I R. A. Marchant of the citie of Briſtowe, doo owe vnto T. M. Marchant of the ſaid citie, the ſumme of 100. Duckets: I ſay an hundred Duckets of currant money of Spaine, accompting after 11. rials of plate to the ducket. To be payd vnto the ſaid T. M. or his aſsignes,

*A bill of exchange.*

within 10. daies next and immediatly after the safe arriuall of the good ship called the Gabriel of Bristowe, to the port of S. Lucar in Andalouzia in Spaine, or any other port of her discharge. And for the true payment thereof, I the aboue named R. A do bind me, my goods, my heirs, executors & asignes, firmly by these presents. In witnesse of the truth, I haue caused two of these billes to bee made (the which the one being payed, the other to bee voide): and haue put my firme and seale vnto them, & deliuered them as my deed, in Bristow the 15. day of September 1589. and in the 31. yeare of our Soueraigne, Queene Elizabeth her Maiesties raigne. &c.

*An acquittance.*

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WItnesseth these presents: that I R. A. Marchant of the citie of Bristow, haue receaued of T. M. Marchant of the saide citie, the summe of 100. Duckets currant monies of Spaine, due vnto my master T. A. as appeared by a bill of exchange. Wherefore to testifie that I am truelie satisfied & paide of the aforesaid summe: I haue vnto this acquittance set my firme, & deliuered it as my deed the 18. day of Nouember. 1589.

By me R. A.

*A bill of Atturney.*

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WItnesseth these presents: that I R. A. Marchant of the citie of Bristow, doo substitute

tute and appoint my true and lawfull atturney T.M. Marchant of Bridgwater: to recouer and receiue of G.H. marchant of the aforesaid citie of Bristowe the summe of 25. pound, due vnto me as appeareth by his bill. Wherefore I giue also to the said T.M. al my owne full power & authoritie, to deale and to do as in stead of my self. In witnesse of the trueth, I haue vnto this present bill of Atturney, put my firme & seale, and deliuered it as my deed, in Bristow the 17. day of Nouember 1589. and in the 32. yeare of our Soueraigne, Queene Elizabeth her Maiesties Raigne. &c.

*A bill of debt.*

BE it known to all men by these presents: that I R.A. Marchant of the citie of Bristow, do owe vnto T.M. Marchant of the said citie, the summe of 25. pounds 8. shillings, of good and currant monies of England, to be paid vnto the said T.M. or his assignes, at or vpon the 25. day of Iuly next ensuing the date hereof. And for the true payment thereof: I the aboue named R.A. do bind me, my goods, heires, executors, administrators and assignes firmelie by these presents. In witnesse of trueth I haue caused this bill of debt to be made, and haue hereunto put my firme and seale, and deliuered it as my deed, in Bristow the 4. day of May 1589. and in the 31. yeare of our Soueraigne, Queene Elizabeth her Maiesties Raigne. &c. *A bill of debt.*

A Bond or Obligation.

*Nouerint vniuersi per præsentes me* R.A. *de ciuitate Bristoliæ mercatorem, teneri & firmiter obligari* T.M. *de eadem ciuitate Mercatori: in viginti libris bonæ & legalis monetæ Angliæ. Soluendis eidem* T.M. *aut suo certo Atturnato, executoribus, vel administratoribus suis. Ad quam quidem solutionem bene & fideliter faciendam, obligo me, heredes, executores & administratores meos, firmiter per præsentes. Sigillo meo sigillatum, datum septimo die Nouembris, anno regni Dominæ nostræ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hyberniæ Reginæ, fidei defens. &c. tricesimo primo.*

*An Obligation.*

The condition of this Obligation is such, that if the aboue bounden R.A. his heires, executors or assignes, doo well and truely content and pay, or cause to be contented and payd, vnto the aboue named T.M. his executors, administrators, or assignes, the summe of 10. pounds of good and currant money of England, on the sixteenth day of May next insuing the date aboue written, without couen or fraude: That then this Obligation to be voyd, or els to stand in full force and vertue.

*A Policie or writing of assurance.*

*A policie.*

IN the name of God Amen. Be it known vnto al men by these presents: that Thomas Aldworth Marchant of the Citie of Bristow doth

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make assurance, and causeth himselfe to bee assured from the Port of the saide citie of Bristow called Hungrode vnto the port of Lisbon in the kingdome of Portingale, & therehence directlie backe againe to the aforesaid Port of Bristow: vpon the bodie, tackle, apparell, ordinance, munition, artillerie, boate, and other furniture, of the good ship called the Gabriell of Bristow, of the burthen of 60. tunnes or thereabouts. And also vppon all goods, wares, and marchandises laden or to be laden in the aforesayd ship the Gabriell, whereof is Master vnder GOD for this present voyage R. M. or by what other name the master of the ship may or shall be called. Beginning the aduenture from the day and houre of the waying of the anker, spreading the saile, and departure of the sayd ship from Hungrode aforesaid. And so shal cõtinue & endure vntil such time as the said ship, with all her said furniture, & all the goods and Marchandises laden in her, shall returne and safelie arriue backe againe from Lisbon vnto the port of Hungrode aforesayd, & there hath moored and continued at an anker by the space of 24. houres in good safetie. Touching the aduentures and perills which wee the assurers hereafter named are contented to beare & take vpon vs this present voiage, are of the seas, men of warre, fire, enemies, pirats, rouers, theeues, Ietteſons, letters of marke and countermarke,

arreſts, reſtraints, and detainment of Kings and Princes & of all other perſons, barratrie of the Maſter and Marriners, and of all other perills, loſſes, and miſfortunes whatſoeuer they be, or howſoeuer to the damage or hurt of the ſayd ſhip and goods, or any part or parcell thereof. And that in caſe of any miſfortunes: it ſhall then bee lawfull to the aſſured his factor, ſeruant, or aſsigne, to ſue, labour and trauaile, for in and about, the defence, ſafegard and recouerie of the ſaid ſhip and goods, and all other the premiſſes, without any preiudice to this aſſurance. To the charges whereof, we the aſſurers ſhall contribute each one according to the rate and quantitie of his ſumme herein aſſured. It is to bee vnderſtood, that this preſent writing and aſſurance ſhalbe of as much force, ſtrength and effect, as the beſt and moſt ſureſt policie or writing of aſſurance which hath beene euer heretofore vſed to be made in Lumbard ſtreet, or now within the Royall exchange in London. And ſo we the aſſurers are contented, and doo promiſe and bind our ſelues and euerie of vs, our heires, executors and aſsignes, to the aſſured his heires, executors and aſsignes, for the true performance of the premiſſes, according to the vſe and cuſtome of the ſaid ſtreate, or Royall exchange. Confeſsing our ſelues to be fully ſatiſfied and paied of and for the conſiderations due vnto vs after the rate of 7. vppon

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the 100. And in teſtimonie of the truth, we the aſſurers haue hereunto ſeuerallie ſubſcribed our names and ſummes of money aſſured, giuen in London the 19. day of September. 1589.

I W. N. Marchant of London am content with this aſſurance (which God preſerue) for 25. pounds this 19. day of September. 1589. 35. li.

I R. T. Marchant of London am content with this aſſurance (which God preſerue) for 25. pounds this 20. day of September. 1589. 25. li.

I M. R. Marchant of Briſtowe am content with this aſſurance (which God preſerue) for 25. pounds this 21. day of September. 1589. 25. li.

# HERE FOLLOWE CERTAINE GODLY SENtences, neceſſarie for a youth to meditate vpon.

IRſt ſeeke the kingdome of GOD and the righteouſneſſe thereof: and then all things ſhall bee giuen thee that thou haſt need of.

Applie thy ſelfe vnto labour while thou art young, leaſt in thine old age thy bodie become full of diſeaſes, and thy end be in reproach and pouertie.

The godly and diligent man ſhall haue proſperitie in all his waies: but he that followeth pleaſure and voluptuouſneſſe, ſhall haue much ſorowe before he dye.

Take heede of vſing a falſe ballance or meaſure, for it is an abomination before God: and a ſwearing and lying tongue, maketh hote the curſe of God vpon his houſe.